



Minutes Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board September 1, 2011

Minutes of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board recorded at 4 p.m. on September 1, 2011, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Bob McKinley, Chair
Julie Symopoulos, Vice Chair
Anne Chandler
Mark Hubble
Shirley McKean

City Staff Present:

Dr. Amy Douglass, Administrator - Tempe History Museum
Rachael Peterson, Administrative Assistant - Library and Cultural Services
Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Director - Library and Cultural Services

Guest(s) Present:

None

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Betty Enz
Angela Lopez
Dr. James Schoenwetter
Gerald Woodward

Meeting convened at 4:07 p.m.

Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1: Consideration of the June 2, 2011, Meeting Minutes

- **MOTION:** Julie Symopoulos, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Vice Chair, moved to approve the June 2, 2011, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.
- SECOND:** Shirley McKean seconded.
- DECISION:** June 2, 2011, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes approved.

Agenda Item 2: Introduction of New Board Member - Dr. James Schoenwetter

- Introduction tabled; Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reminded the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members that **Dr. James Schoenwetter**, Arizona State University (ASU) Emeritus Professor within ASU's School of Human Evolution and Social Change, was appointed by Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman to serve as a member of the Museum Board at a formal Tempe City Council meeting that occurred on May 19, 2011. Douglass explained that Dr. Schoenwetter accepted his appointment and will be present at the Museum Board meeting scheduled

to occur at 4 p.m. on October 6, 2011, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe.

Agenda Item 3: Communications Report

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reported that the **Arizona Republic** recently ran an article discussing the current state of the **petroglyphs at Hayden Butte (A Mountain)**. Douglass stated that she plans to attend a meeting with the Arizona State University (ASU) Alumni Association in regards to white-washing the "A" on A Mountain. Douglass hopes that the meeting will initiate an ongoing dialogue with ASU.
- Dr. Douglass further reported that per **City of Tempe Ordinance 2008.01**, City of Tempe Boards and Commissions will no longer rely on Committee recommendations and representation in regards to the approval of items that may be placed on a City of Tempe Boards and Commissions meeting agenda. Douglass confirmed that City of Tempe Boards and Commissions members may continue to serve as representatives of City staff-lead committees.

Agenda Item 4: Update - Hayden Flour Mill

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, introduced **Chris Messer, Principal Planner within the City of Tempe Community Development Department**; Dr. Douglass further welcomed C. Messer to the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) meeting.
- C. Messer distributed a **Hayden Flour Mill (Mill)** site plan guide and set of conceptual drawings to the Museum Board members; C. Messer explained that it's the goal of the Rio Salado Foundation, Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman, the Downtown Tempe Community, the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation and City of Tempe staff members to reenergize the existing grounds surrounding Tempe's Hayden Flour Mill.
- C. Messer presented the Mill's site plan guide and set of conceptual drawings to the Museum Board members; C. Messer explained that the conceptual drawings depict proposed updates to the Mill's existing street frontage and landscaping.
- C. Messer further explained that upon completion of the Mill's proposed updates, the Mill grounds will become a small event venue. Messer affirmed that the proposed updates will not disturb the historical integrity of the existing Mill structure.
- C. Messer noted that in addition to street frontage and landscaping updates, the project's architect, **Bill Tonnesen**, proposed the following structural updates to the Mill:
 - Removal of ground-level window coverings;
 - Addition of wire mesh window treatments to ground-level windows;
 - Ground-level interior lighting;
 - Plaque identification.
- C. Messer noted that **Michael Monti**, Proprietor of Tempe's **Monti's, La Casa Vieja**, has proposed updates to Monti's existing outdoor patio area in conjunction with the proposed updates to the Mill's existing landscape as a means to further distinguish Monti's and the Mill as historic focal points of Downtown Tempe.
- C. Messer stated that M. Monti also intends to integrate an entryway element designed by B. Tonnesen into Monti's outdoor patio upgrade project; C. Messer explained that an

additional entryway element will be installed on the grounds of the Mill creating the appearance of a gateway to Downtown Tempe's Mill Avenue District.

- Julie Symopoulos, Museum Board Vice Chair, praised the proposed updates to the Mill's existing grounds and specifically noted that the proposed fencing surrounding the existing Mill structure will be less obtrusive.
- J. Symopoulos inquired about the lighting within the Mill and its surrounding grounds; J. Symopoulos suggested that the lighting be period lighting.
- C. Messer stated that the exterior of the ground-level of the Mill will be sandblasted in an attempt to safely preserve the historical significance of the Mill; C. Messer explained that the Downtown Tempe Community is set to refurbish the flour sack depicted on the exterior wall of the Mill. Messer further noted that the Mill silos will not be updated or disturbed.
- C. Messer explained that a gabion wall will line the back wall of Monti's outdoor patio; C. Messer affirmed that Monti's will begin updating its patio within the month. Messer encouraged the Museum Board members to contact him via email message at Chris_Messer@tempe.gov if they have any questions in regards to the project.
- Dr. Douglass thanked C. Messer for his presentation.

Agenda Item 5: Report - Arizona Centennial Planning

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reminded the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members that the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation, in conjunction with a City of Tempe (City) staff member committee, intends to guide Tempe through its participation in **Arizona's Centennial (Centennial)** programming and events.
- Dr. Douglass announced the following confirmed Tempe-based Centennial-celebrating events specific to the City of Tempe Community Services Department:
 - Sanctioned Event - **Tempe Tardeada** (Noon, Oct. 9, City of Tempe Community Center Complex Courtyard);
 - **Essay Contest** (Partnership Between the Tempe History Museum and the Tempe Elementary School District No. 3);
 - **Amazing Arizona, Fabulous Tempe** (Collaborative Program of the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts, the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, the Tempe History Museum, the Tempe Public Library and the Tempe Center for the Arts).
- Dr. Douglass further reminded the Museum Board members to contact her if they'd like to serve as volunteers for Tempe-based Centennial-celebrating programming and events via email message at Amy_Douglass@tempe.gov.

Agenda Item 6A: Report - Double Butte Cemetery Tour Event

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reported that the Double Butte Cemetery Tour event will occur in March, 2012.

Agenda Item 6B: Report - Public Programs

- Shirley McKean, Public Programs Representative, reported that the following **performance** is scheduled to occur within the Tempe History Museum's Community Room in September, 2011:

- **TEDx Tempe:** A locally-organized event committed to bringing the community together for fun and stimulating dialogue (6:30 p.m., Sept. 8).
- S. McKean reported that the following **Third Thirstday Night Café Program** is scheduled to occur within the Tempe History Museum's Community Room in September, 2011:
 - ***Riding the Hollywood Trail: A book about "B" Movie Westerns*** by film historian, Charlie LeSueur (7 p.m., Sept. 15).
- S. McKean announced the following **upcoming events** that are scheduled to occur within the Tempe History Museum's Community Room:
 - ***Tempe Tardeada:*** A celebration of Hispanic culture with roots in Tempe featuring historic Hispanic family albums on display (Noon, Oct. 9);
 - ***Retro Spooktacular's, "Haunted Places, Nefarious Deeds and Other Oddities"***: Marshall Shore will present stories and images about Jerome and a clip from the horror movie Frogs featuring Miss Arizona 1957, Lynn Freyse, who was related to Lizzie Borden (7 p.m., Oct. 28);
 - ***Sustainability Exhibit/Film Series:*** A condensed version of a recent exhibit at Arizona State University titled, "Lessons from the Hohokam: Our Future with Water" (April 7, 2012).
- S. McKean stated that she intends to meet with a **Salt River Project (SRP) Community Outreach Representative for Education** to discuss resources that SRP may be able to provide in regards to a future **Wild Wednesdays** program in 2012 that may coincide with an upcoming Sustainability exhibit within the Tempe History Museum.

Agenda Item 6C: Report - Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.)

- Anne Chandler, Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.) Representative, presented the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members with a statistics report compiled by Josh Roffler, Curator of Collections at the Tempe History Museum (Museum), specific to deposits, acquisitions and loans in August, 2011.
- A. Chandler reported that the Museum received 20 current, provisional deposits in August, 2011. Chandler further noted that there were no new acquisitions recorded in August, 2011.
- A. Chandler acknowledged the following provisional deposits:
 - **Tempe High School Photos** donated by Charles W. Newton;
 - **WWI Era Letters** donated by Evelyn E. Guenther;
 - **Laird and Dines Record Book** donated by Jamie Rippey;
 - **Arizona State University and Tempe High School Yearbooks** donated by Doris Cornett;
 - **Rural School Yearbook** donated by Cheri Van Horn;
 - **Photos of the Salt River Flood** donated by Mary Dobstaff;
 - **Congressional Church Cookbook** donated by Cindy Berman;
 - **Property Appraisal** donated by Mark Hocking;
 - **Tempe Tapestry** donated by Pam Castano;
 - **Image of Mrs. White** donated by Joe Emery;
 - **Bond Records** donated by Joe Nucci/Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation.

- A. Chandler reported the following loans:
 - **Incoming Loan ASU080311**: Exhibit elements borrowed from the Arizona State University Museum of Anthropology for use in the upcoming “Lessons from the Hohokam” exhibit;
 - **Incoming Loan TCA082311**: Three WWII era posters for display within the Gallery at Tempe Center for the Arts.
- A. Chandler further noted the following:
 - An item-level-inventory of the Tempe History Museum’s (Museum) **Textiles Collection** is in progress and all textile artifacts are being photographed and locations and other information are being recorded within the Museum’s computer database;
 - Storage issues with the Museum’s Textiles Collection are being addressed;
 - Collections staff and volunteers continue to catalog and scan the **Jan Young Photograph Collection**;
 - An Accessions meeting is scheduled to occur at the Museum on September 8.

Agenda Item 6D: Report - Tempe Historic Preservation

- No report.

Agenda Item 6E: Report - Tempe Historical Society

- No report.

Agenda Item 6F: Report - Diversity Awareness

- No report; Julie Syrmopoulos, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Vice Chair and Diversity Awareness (African American Advisory Board) Representative, reminded the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board members that she is no longer able to attend the regularly-scheduled meetings of the African American Advisory Board.

Agenda Item 6G: Report - Oral History Program

- Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair and Oral History Program representative reported that **Susan Jensen**, Oral History Program Volunteer, continues to complete pending transcriptions. McKinley stated that S. Jensen completed 10 transcriptions within the timeframe of June through August, 2011.
- B. McKinley further reported the following interviewee nominations for consideration to be reviewed by the Oral History Program:
 - **Joan Trimble**;
 - **John Trimble**;
 - **Glen Jepsen**;
 - **Betty Jane Rundle**;
 - **Gustavo Villanueva Gutierrez**.
- B. McKinley noted that background research has been conducted and prepared for the following priority interviewees:
 - **Irene Benedict**;
 - **Michelle Brooks-Totress**;
 - **MaryHelen Flanagan**.

- B. McKinley stated that the **Veterans' Oral History Project** donated two (2) Sony digital recorders to the Tempe History Museum's Oral History Program.
- B. McKinley reminded the Museum Board members that **Sarah Moorhead**, former President of the Southwest Oral History Association, audited the Tempe History Museum's Oral History Program on April 25, 2011. McKinley reported that S. Moorhead was impressed by the structure and organization of the Museum's Oral History Program (Program), and worked with Jared Smith, Curator of History at the Tempe History Museum, to strengthen the Program's existing procedures. McKinley added that S. Moorhead, alongside **Danette Turner**, served as an assistant to J. Smith at a training session for new volunteer oral historians that took place on June 30, 2011, at the Tempe History Museum.
- B. McKinley encouraged the Museum Board members to participate in Tempe's Oral History Program. Anne Chandler, Museum Board member, expressed an interest in participating in Tempe's Oral History Program. Chandler reminded the Museum Board members that she was not able to attend the scheduled training session in June, 2011, due to travel obligations.

Agenda Item 7 - Board Member Announcements

- No announcements.

Agenda Item 8 - Future Agenda Items

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, suggested that the following items be placed on a future board agenda for consideration:
 - **Introduction of Dr. James Schoenwetter;**
 - **Arizona Centennial Planning.**

The next meeting of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. on Oct. 6 within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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